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THE FLUNKY.—By J. B. Johnson.

The harsh sound of the word Flunky is not more offensive to the ear of delicacy, than the character to which it applies is repulsive to genuine manliness. He combines all the assurance of the little great man, with the base spiritedness of the Toady; and is found in those relations of life that offer pecuniary rewards, or have favors to bestow. He is a willing medium through which a great deal of harm can be done, and the mischief which he does is in direct proportion to the opportunity that he may have for the exercise of his powers. He sometimes occupies more important positions than an acquaintance with his characteristics would suppose him capable of attaining; and, as there is but one step from the purest legal order of a nation to the severest rule of a despot's will, he is always willing to form that step, and makes of impudence what a pure mind makes of its solid claim, to the notice and esteem of the world. This often exposes him to ridicule, but he is not easily abashed, and his sensibility is as difficult to touch, as his effrontery is unbounded. His baseness borrows boldness from long practice; and he silyly imagines that every distinguished person whom he meets is aware of his overshadowing claims to distinction! Being so impressed he does not hesitate to obtrude his presence upon the notice of such persons, and becomes much affronted if they do not perceive that a personage of high import desires to introduce them to public consideration.

Nothing brings so soon to view the plasticity of the Flunky, as his occupation of a place of more or less consequence. He is always an aspirant for positions of importance, and always accepts that which is next the one which he cannot get. He gives to every trivial affair of official interest a disgusting pomposity, and the mode in which he conducts the petty business of his position shows the material of which he is made, and indicates his readiness to be the tool in the performance of any act that will bring a reward without the probability of accountability. Possessing but little veracity, he cannot esteem the respect which others feel for the sanctity of honorable obligations, and being without true honor, he is the first to condemn its existence and underrate its reward. He is not only enthusiastic in his adherence to place, but exceedingly facile in demeanor, to those above him in position; and, before he will forego the advantages of his situation, he will ever consent to be the instrument of those acts that darken his name with reproach, and surround it with perpetual obloquy. If his place is one of patronage, he is ever anxious not to offend the source that bestowed it, and proves his attachment for both place and patron, by the agile manner in which he grasps any excuse whereby he can put to trouble, those who offer, by word or act, the slightest pretext for the exercise of his love for the cause which he serves, and his respect for the authority that he supports. He acts like a spaniel to those who have him in the condition of a subaltern, and like a brute to wards those who are unfortunate enough to be in his power. This he fancies the test of his competency, and this conceit, coupled with a craven zeal, hurries him to the commission of excesses that not only undo his superiors and himself, but bring both to merited contempt; for between the venality of his motives and the fear of the loss of consequence, he becomes the veriest of sycophants, and with a dastard bow will bend to kiss, with servile lips, the feet that command the low ground which he occupies. His forte is the adulation of his superiors in place, and his praise of those above him in official position is without limit. He utters not a word of reproach against them, for he deems their interest his interest, and he applauds their slightest acts as glibly, as he abjectly apologizes for their most irregular blunders. He reiterates the declaration that the world has never seen their like, and that history never painted more perfect models of functional aptitude and executive efficiency. He grows pathetic in his sycophancy, and, with seeming seriousness, avers that their removal would be entirely irreparable, and one of the greatest calamities society could possibly experience. If circumstances should remove them, and others, who were, in all likelihood, former objects of his translation, take their places, he begins at once to say what nice men they are and they, like those who preceded them, receive his most obsequious attention. He portrays them, exactly similar to his original patrons and draws parallels, suited to his peculiar style, to prove them as good, if not better, than those whose loss he proclaimed would cost the world much derangement, and mankind great inconvenience. Such is the way of the Flunky, and the restriction

which is placed upon the meanest bondsman, is glowing liberty in comparison with the abandonment, that makes him the truckling thing of a dirty motive. He voluntarily allows his depravity to instigate conduct that frets honor and constantly demoralizes virtue, and pitiable is the man who will be neither allured by precept nor deterred by example, but pursues a course destructive of self respect and injurious to the welfare of his neighbor, when the light of all that is around him, reveals the path in which he should tread, in order to ennoble himself and benefit his kind.

Hotels and Restaurants.

MAGNOLIA HOUSE,

COR. OF DUKE AND COLUMBUS STS.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The proprietor of this convenient and pleasantly located Hotel begs leave to call the attention of the public to his reduced rates of price, as follows:

TRANSIENT BOARDERS, \$2 per day.
PERMANENT BOARDERS, with single rooms, from \$7 to \$10 per week, according to size and location of room. Room with double bed for two gentlemen, from \$8 to \$7 per week each.

GAS BATHS, and all the conveniences necessary for the comforts of a home, and a plentiful supply of the best the market can afford. Choice WINES, LIQUORS, SEGARS, &c., always on hand.

I CHALLENGE COMPETITION.

Give me a call.
R. FREDERICK, Proprietor,
jan 5-3m Magnolia House.

MALTBY HOUSE,

A. B. MILLER, Proprietor.
PRATT STREET BALTIMORE, MD.
This house having been lately thoroughly

RE-FITTED AND RE-FURNISHED,
renders its accommodations second to none in the city. aug 14-1y

MANSION HOUSE RESTAURANT,

No. 15, North Fairfax street.
R. T. LUCAS, PROPRIETOR.

Ladies and gentlemen will meet with every accommodation pertaining to such an establishment.

A choice variety of MEATS, with POULTRY, OYSTERS, &c., including every delicacy the markets afford, will be prepared by professional cooks, and served by polite and attentive waiters, and at reasonable prices.

ICE CREAMS and PA-TRIES will be of superior quality.

The wine vaults will be stocked with a select assortment of WINES, ALES, &c.

The Restaurant and Saloon will be open at all hours. Particular attention will be given to orders from families and parties wishing dinner or supper. aug 30-tf

Clothing, &c.

ARNOLD & FIELD,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES AND VESTINGS,
TAILORS' TRIMMINGS, AND
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.

Having disposed of our interest in the Merchant Tailoring business, at No. 83, King st., to O'Neil & Dwelly, and removed to No. 69, we propose to offer for your inspection a good line of the above goods. Our long experience in the manufacture of Cloths and Cassimeres, gives us a great advantage in selecting our stock, which we intend to sell at a small advance on cost.

We shall offer great inducements to Tailors, as we intend to keep good trimmings, and sell them cheap.

You will find in our Gent's Furnishing Department a great selection of goods in that line always on hand. Give us a call and you will never regret it, at No. 69, King street, next door to Miller's China Store. sep 22-tf

ARNOLD & FIELD.

FASHIONABLE TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.

Messrs. O'Neil & Dwelly having purchased the interest of Messrs. Arnold & Field in the MERCHANT TAILORING BUSINESS, have removed to the Store lately occupied by that firm,

83 KING STREET,
Where may be found the best assortment of CLOTHS, in this city, both of FOREIGN and DOMESTIC manufacture.

Mr. O'Neil's ability as a cutter justifies them in assuring their customers a stylish and well fitting garment.

They have also a fine assortment of Gent's FURNISHING GOODS, such as Shirts, Socks, Ties, Scarfs and Gloves of all kinds.

Please call and examine our goods and judge for yourselves at 83 King street, one door east of Parker's Theatre. sep 26-tf

MURRAY, RIDGELY & MURRAY,

MERCHANT TAILORS,
NO. 7, NORTH FAIRFAX STREET.
Keep constantly on hand a large assortment of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c., which they are prepared to make up at short notice, and at reasonable prices. aug 14-tf

WM. E. ATWELL,

TAILOR,
Having removed to No. 95, King st., would respectfully solicit the patronage of his former friends and the public generally. Every effort will be made to please. se 28-tf

Commission Merchants.

GEORGE H. ROBINSON,
GROCEER, FORWARDING,
AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 5, UNION ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA.
Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of country produce. Goods forwarded promptly. no 21-tf

THOMAS PERRY,
FORWARDING AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 8, PRINCE STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
Farmers furnished with Guano, Farming Implements, Groceries, &c., at the lowest market rates FOR CASH. aug 25-tf

JOHN S. KNOX, JR.,
(Formerly Knox & Bro.)
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION
MERCHANT,
No. 10, Union street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
Country Produce Bought and Sold. jy 26-tf

W. A. SMOOT,
FORWARDING & COMMISSION
MERCHANT,
No. 21, North Union Street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
Country Produce Bought and Sold. aug 3-6m

F. G. SWAINE,
No. 26, North Royal street,
Has constantly on hand a full supply, and is constantly receiving fresh invoices of GROCERIES, WINES, LIQUORS, and all other articles generally found in a first class GROCERY and LIQUOR STORE, and will sell as low as they can be bought in this market. sep 12-tf

BOOTS AND SHOES! BOOTS AND SHOES!—Now is the time if you want Bargains. I have a fine stock of Boots and Shoes, of all kinds, which will be sold cheap. Also, a large stock of Ladies' and Misses' Gaiters, which will be sold very cheap. Call and examine for yourselves at No. 80, King street. sep 27-tf

T. M. GREIGSBY,
No. 187, KING STREET, CORNER COLUMBUS.
In addition to his fine stock of TOBACCO, is now receiving a large and well selected stock of GROCERIES.

WHISKIES, TEAS,
and in fact everything usually kept in a first-class grocery store, and would be pleased to see his friends and the public generally, assuring them that he will exert himself to the utmost to give general satisfaction. oc 20-tf

REMOVAL. CHEAP GOODS.

I respectfully inform my friends and the public in general that I have removed from No. 183 King street to No. 200 where I will be pleased to see all my old customers, for it is my intention to sell at the very lowest market prices, and I know all that would favor me with their patronage will be well satisfied with their bargains. Do not forget to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere. I have now on hand a fine assortment of the following goods, and of which I will defy competition:

Dark Calicoes from 23 to 30 cts.
Opera Flannels, all colors, 75 "
Delaines from 31 to 37 cts.
All Wool Flannels from 45 cts., and upwards.
Shawls and Cloaks from \$5.00 to \$35.00, besides a fine and selected assortment of House Furnishing Goods, such as Bleached and Unbleached Muslin, Sheetings, Napkins, Towels, &c., &c.; also a very large assortment of Sontags, Nubias, Hoods and Woolen Jackets, and different other articles, too numerous to mention.

L. BENDHEIM,
No. 200, King street, near Columbus.
N. B.—Country dealers and farmers will do well to give me a call, and look for themselves before purchasing. jan 8-2w

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! GREAT INDUCEMENTS.

The undersigned begs leave to inform the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, that he is selling his entire stock, consisting of DRY GOODS,

FANCY GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES, at and below cost, as he positively intends closing business by the 15th of March. He will sell you:—
Calicoes, best quality, from 23 to 26 cts., worth 30 cents.
Muslin Delaines from 30 to 33 cts., worth 37c.
Cotton and Silk Poplins, less than cost.
Black Alpaccas at 45 cts., worth 75 cts.
All Wool Flannels from 40 cts., and upwards.
French Merinoes, best quality, from \$1.15 to \$1.37, worth \$2.
Bleached Cottons at 27 cts. and upwards;
Brown Cottons 25 cts. and upwards; Ladies Morocco Boots from \$1.75 to \$2.25; Boys Boots from \$1.30 to \$1.75, and a great many other things too numerous to mention.

N. B.—All persons indebted to me will please call as soon as practicable and make settlement.
WM. SILVERMAN,
No. 222, King street,
2nd door from Alfred.
My Store will be closed every Saturday. jan 10-1m

Professional.

WALTER WEIR,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
BRENTSVILLE, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA.
Will practice in the Courts of Prince William, Loudoun and Fairfax. dec 2-6m

PROFESSIONAL CARD.

MEDICAL NOTICE.

DR. W. D. STEWART, Physician & Surgeon.
A graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, Ky., and of the University of the city of New York, late Surgeon U. S. V., having permanently located in Alexandria, Va., respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of this city and vicinity. Office and residence, No. 46, north Royal st., (east side,) where he may be found at all hours, when not professionally absent. no 21

REUBEN JOHNSTON. WILLIAM F. CARNE

JOHNSTON & CARNE,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
Office at the Auditor's Office, Market Building. Attend to all business in the Courts of Alexandria and Fairfax Counties. je 7-tf

GEORGE W. BRENT. C. W. WATTLES.
BRENT & WATTLES,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
Office, 127, King street, in the Insurance Building. sep 16-tf

NOTICE.—ROBERT J. SMITH, ATTORNEY AT LAW and NOTARY PUBLIC, has opened his office at Phenix Hall, where he may be found from 8 a. m., to 6 p. m., daily. aug 10-tf

LAWRENCE B. TAYLOR,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
No. 114, Prince street, east of the Post Office. sep 30-tf

D. L. SMOOT. E. M. LOWE.
SMOOT & LOWE,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
Office over Market House. P. O. Box 134. oc 30-tf

JULIUS BIENERT,
DENTIST,
No. 145, PRINCE STREET,
(Four doors below Washington street.)
aug 31-tf ALEXANDRIA, VA.

J. EDWARD CHASE,
DENTAL SURGEON,
Office over Dr. Stabler's Drug store, corner of King and Washington sts., Alexandria Va. je 23-tf

ROBERT L. WOOD,
Successor to Ashby & Wood,
continues to carry on the

DRY GOODS BUSINESS,
At the Old Stand, No. 170, King street.
ALEXANDER H. SLAYMAKER (now with R. L. Wood) would respectfully solicit the patronage of his friends.
Our STOCK is at all times large and complete, embracing Heavy and Fine French Broadcloths, Black and Fancy Cassimeres, Satinets, Cloths for servants, &c., &c.

A full assortment of Flannels, white and colored, Fine and medium quality Dress Goods, a full assortment of Mourning Dress Goods, Irish Linen, "warranted genuine," Linen Sheetings and Pillow Case Linens, Superior Cotton Shirting and Sheetings; also, Gloves and Hosiery, Suspenders, Shirt Bosoms, Collars, Cravats, Neck Ties, Hair Nets, &c., together with a general assortment of first-class DRY GOODS, to an examination of which we invite our old friends and the public generally. dec 14-3m

STAGE LINE TO MIDDLEBURG.

The subscriber has established a stage line between ALEXANDRIA & MIDDLEBURG, the coaches leaving Alexandria on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 4 o'clock, a. m. Leave Middleburg on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, at 6 o'clock, a. m., arriving at Alexandria at 5 o'clock, P. M. Office at the Marshall House. W. M. WHALEY. aug 7-tf

VALUABLE WEST END PROPERTY FOR SALE.—We have for sale a number of lots on the north side of Duke st., 50 feet front and 150 deep; also, several truck lots of various sizes, from one to four acres, binding on the Shuter's Hill road and on the road from King street to Duke by Betzold's. Terms accommodating. dec 22-tf

JOHNSTON & CARNE.
JAS. RECTOR SMOOT. JOHN PERRY.
SMOOT & PERRY,

DEALERS IN
LUMBER, NAILS, LIME, CEMENT, AND CALCINED PLASTER,
No. 40 South Union Street.
jy 15-tf ALEXANDRIA, VA.

J. H. DEVAUGHN,
NO. 130, KING STREET,
(Old Stand.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Manufacturer and dealer in all kinds of FURNITURE, which he is prepared to sell as LOW as it can be bought in any house in the city. He would invite those in want of Furniture, to give him a call before they purchase.
HAIR, HUSB, and Excelsior MATTRESSES, Feather Beds, Bolsters and Pillows, made to order at the shortest notice. For sale low for cash. aug 2-6m